

LINCOLNVILLE NEWS

*Keeping you informed of what's
happening in St. Augustine's
historic Lincolnville.*

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Hurricane Matthew 10.7.16

On Friday, October 7th Hurricane Matthew traveled up the east coast of Florida. Unlike most visitors to our city, Matthew was not welcome. As the second major hurricane of the Atlantic season the winds and rain of the storm briefly reached Category 5 strength and caused devastation to the islands off south Florida and the state's Atlantic coast.

But it was the record-breaking storm surge that took a toll on St. Augustine. Unfortunate timing brought the Tropical Cyclone within 50 miles of St. Johns County just as high tide peaked. Winds were recorded at over 70 miles per hour off the coast.

Lincolnville had some of the most damaged properties in the City's downtown neighborhoods. Areas bordering Lake Maria Sanchez and the San Sebastian River were the hardest hit with some homes experiencing up to 3 feet of flooding above the floor. The Davis Shores neighborhood on Anastasia Island suffered even worse damage due to several feet of wide-spread flooding that affected most residences.

In The Aftermath

In the days following the storm Lincolnville residents were assessing the damage to their homes. Businesses on Martin Luther King Avenue were cleaning up and making due. The Lincolnville Museum suffered very little damage and was spared from the flood waters.

Most of the power in Lincolnville was restored by the following Sunday, but strong winds brought down several large trees that kept some pockets of the neighborhood without power for up to five days.

In the weeks that followed the ruined contents of properties throughout the neighborhood lined the curbs. Piles of debris have been systematically picked up and removed with over 58,000 cubic yards of debris being removed city-wide so far. For more information about Hurricane Matthew recovery, visit the City's website: www.citystaug.com.



Floyd Phillips cleans up outside the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center on MLK Ave.



Tony's Barber Shop on MLK Ave. sets up on the sidewalk while waiting for power to be restored

FEMA ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Homeowners, renters and business owners in St. Johns County may apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured and underinsured damages and losses resulting from Hurricane Matthew through FEMA's Individual Assistance Program.

Survivors should register with FEMA immediately at DisasterAssistance.gov, via the [FEMA app](#), or by calling **800.621.3362**

Also, visit the St. Johns County Disaster Recovery Center at the Wind Mitigation Building, [3111 Agricultural Center Drive](#), open Monday-Saturday from 9:00am until 6:00pm

Ribbon Cutting for Freedom Park



Dr. Robert B. Hayling Freedom Park was officially opened on Saturday, September 24th. A light breeze blew to cool the people gathered to hear St. Augustine City officials and family members of the late Dr. Hayling speak. The celebration was musically accompanied by the Lincolnville Brass Band and among the attendees were enthusiastic members of Keep Riberia Point Green. KRPG is a neighborhood initiative that played a significant role in preserving the southern peninsula of Lincolnville as City parkland and is working on plans for additional upgrade phases for Freedom Park. A red ribbon was run through the crowd and commemorative scissors were passed out so everyone could participate in the ribbon cutting. LCRA funds were used to finish the walking path loop around the park and to create park signage. An article about Dr. Hayling and his prominent role in the Civic Rights movement was featured in *the Lincolnville News* Winter 2016 Issue No. 4. Visit the LCRA's new website to read past issues of our quarterly newsletter.

◆ ◆ ◆ LETTER FROM THE LCRA STEERING COMMITTEE ◆ ◆ ◆

New Steering Committee Member : Carolyn Wright

"Growing up in Lincolnville"

By : Carolyn Wright

As a member of the Lincolnville CRA Steering Committee, I have the unique privilege of being a resident of both St. Augustine and Lincolnville since birth. My parents lived on St. Francis Street when I was born. I attended Excelsior Elementary School (now the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center) from first through fourth grade. The principal was Mr. Solomon Calhoun. The Calhoun Center in West Augustine was named after him. I grew up patronizing many of the businesses that are no longer in Lincolnville.



The Iceberg on Bridge St., owned by Mr. Irvin Pembleton, where you could get out of this world tangerine sherbet. Mr. James Aikens owned a shoe repair shop on Central Av (Now Martin Luther King Av). Mr. Herbert Austin (Daddy Slim) owned a pool hall on Washington St, where I used to go to play pinball games. If you were there early on a Saturday morning, the gentleman that came to empty the machines would give you free games. Mr. Elmo Slappy owned a corner store where Tony's Barbershop is now located. You could get a single scoop of ice cream

for nine cents, two scoops for fifteen cents and you could also get two for a penny cookies. Times and prices have definitely changed. There were so many businesses in the Lincolnville area that I can't list them all in this article. During the years I have seen many changes occur in Lincolnville some good, some not so good. I decided to apply to become a member of the Lincolnville CRA to give a voice to the residents that enjoy the changes that are occurring in Lincolnville, but don't want the rich history to be forgotten. I look forward to working with the other members of the board and the community as we work towards making Lincolnville an area that we all enjoy and love. Come out on the first Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. and let your voices be heard.

LCRA AT THE LINCOLNVILLE FESTIVAL

The Lincolnville Festival had beautiful late September weather for the weekend celebration. The LCRA Steering Committee hosted an informational booth. Committee members passed out newsletters, fliers and brochures about the LCRA's various activities and programs, while taking time to also enjoy the wonderful food, creative vendors and music. Thank you St. Paul AME Church for coordinating the event!



NEW LCRA WEBSITE

A new website dedicated to the St. Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency was launched this week offering information on two Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs): The Historic Area Transportation and Parking CRA, and the Lincolnville CRA (LCRA). The new website offers general information about CRAs, relevant maps and plans, project and program information, financial records, and meeting agendas and minutes. The website is a result of legislative changes in the Florida Statutes that require all dependent districts, including CRAs, to maintain a stand-alone website. To view the new site visit www.CityStAugCRA.com



EXHIBITIONS AT NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUMS

ACCORD Civil Rights Museum, 79 Bridge St., former dental office of Dr. Robert B. Hayling, continues to feature an Exhibit entitled, "A Place for All People". The Exhibit celebrates the September 24th Grand Opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture as part of its Global Initiative, "Lift Every Voice". Museum open by appointment only. Call (904) 599-7739 to schedule a visit.

Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 Martin Luther King Ave., is also exhibiting works from the Smithsonian's "A Place for All People" opening November 10th through the end of the year. Other LMCC events include:

- A reading party for youth every Monday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11th, "Afternoon in Lincolnville" with author Larry Baker
- Jan. 15, 2017, "The Witness" by Lee Weaver

For more information call (904) 824-1191 or email lmccstaug@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Lincolnville Neighborhood Association (LNA) has reenergized and is holding regular monthly meetings. They gather every third Wednesday at the Galimore Center from 7-8 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 16th to update the by-laws. For more information visit www.lincolnville.info or email lincolnvillena@yahoo.com.

The Greater St. Mary's Church at 69 Washington St. has launched a fundraising campaign due to damage sustained from Hurricane Matthew. On December 17th, the GSMC will sponsor a Christmas dinner play, "The Wisdom of God", at the National Guard Armory, 190 San Marco Avenue. Time is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more information call Flo Hodges at (904) 465-6532.

Lincolnville CRA Information

THE LINCOLNVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan guides the actions of the Community Redevelopment Agency, as it outlines the overall goals for the neighborhood's improvement, as well as the specific redevelopment projects and programs.

You can find the Lincolnville CRA Plan online at the St. Augustine CRA website under "CRA Documents"

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nicholas Noloboff (Chair)
Nathan Baer (V-Chair)
Reverend Rory Hermann
Carolyn O. Wright
Theresa Segal

MEETINGS

Meetings are on the **first Monday of every month at 7pm** at the Willie Galimore Center, 399 Riberia Street
****December LCRA meeting is cancelled**
The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 5, 2016 at 7pm

CONTACT US

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**City of St. Augustine
Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Area**

FIX-IT-UP & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The City of St. Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has designated two home repair programs to help residents in the Lincolnville Area with essential home repairs. The Fix-it-Up Program provides up to \$7,000 for minor repairs, and the Emergency Assistance Program provides funding up to \$10,000 for immediate emergency repairs. The program is funded by the CRA for eligible households. Eligibility review and construction services are provided by the St. Johns County Housing Partnership, Inc.

PROGRAM BASICS

Both programs are intended to assist low-income, owner-occupied households with essential home repairs. The home must be within the boundaries of the Lincolnville CRA. Applicants will have to meet all eligibility requirements administered by St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. Available funds will be prioritized for life and safety essential repairs.

APPLICANTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY BEFORE ANY PROJECT IS STARTED.

St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. will evaluate the application after inspection of the home, prioritize the repairs needed and perform the work as an independent contractor. Existing materials will be replaced with similar materials to preserve the architectural integrity of the structure whenever possible.

For application information, call St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. at (904) 824-0902



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